

REMARKS

Claims 5-10 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 9-10 are cancelled, claim 5 is amended and no new claims are added. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter of claims 5-8 and 10.

Claim Objections

Claim 5 stands objected to for insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation of “the evaluated part.” Claim 5 has been amended to recite “establishing a scale of correspondences enabling qualification against a limiting threshold for acceptance of the evaluated structural composite material part covered with the film.” (Markups shown for clarity).

As discussed in the specification, the scale of correspondence allows for a “structural composite material part thus covered in said film [to] be monitored over the life of the part...through a simple visual examination at any moment in time. If during such a test, the part reveals an impact that corresponds to a position on the aforementioned scale of correspondences at a level equal to or higher than the defined threshold, the part will be taken out of service due to internal damage rendering it unable to function.” Specification at page 5, lines 12-17; published application at paragraph [0035]. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections.

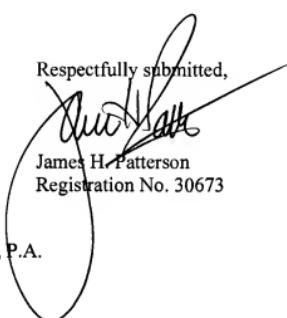
Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 9 stands objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have cancelled claim 9 rendering the rejection moot.

It is respectfully requested that the remaining claims 5-8 are allowable for at least the reasons stated above. In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,


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